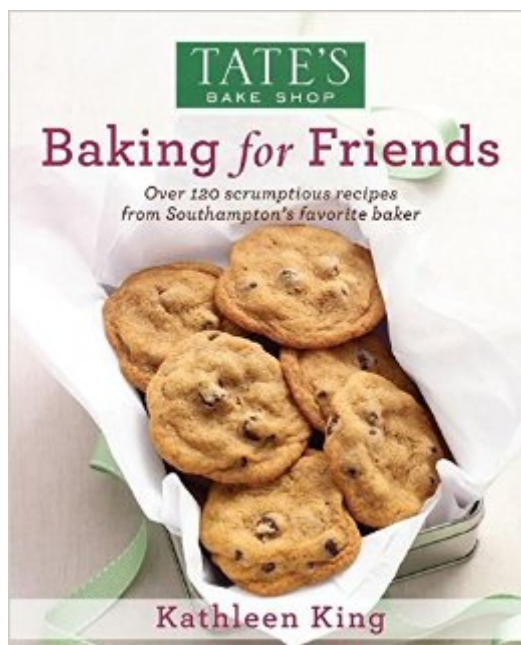


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# Tate's Bake Shop: Baking For Friends



## Synopsis

Baking for Friends is much more than a book of recipes. Itâ€™s about the sweetness of connecting with the ones you love. Kathleen welcomes you into her kitchen in the Hamptons, debuting more than 120 delectable, easy-to-bake recipesâ€”from plump scones and muffins to mouthwatering pies and tarts to scrumptious gluten-free treats. Learn Kathleenâ€™s most precious time-saving tips, designed to help you breathe easy in the kitchen without sacrificing taste. Let Kathleen guide you through her favorite recipes, including Chocolateâ€”Blood Orange Marble Cake, Maple Bacon Date Scones, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies, and Heart-Healthy Chocolate Pie.

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## Customer Reviews

I checked this book out of the library thinking I'd copy a recipe or two. I'm trying to cut down on my cookbook collection. After making the chocolate thumbprint cookies, cherry chip cake, and the chunkies, and marking and drooling over at least 10 other recipes I can't wait to try, I realized I was going to have to buy this book. The Cherry chip cake is genius. I love maraschino cherries, eating them first off my ice cream sundae or digging in my Cherry limeade drink for the cherry. A cake, based on the old cherry chip boxed cakes, was fabulous. I used the juice to tint the icing pink, a tip she gives, I think the three guys I live with thought it was a little girly but it did not stop them from eating it! Baking for friends is more accessible than bake shop type recipes. I don't have the other Tate bakeshop books, but I find many other bake shop books are hard to translate into home baking. The recipes are more what you'd bake for your kids school party or a dinner for friends. This

isn't to say there aren't some really attractive impressive recipes, including a chocolate tart with raspberry filling I can't wait to try. It's more that the ingredients are readily available and the directions easy to follow for a beautiful result without a lot of the stressful frou frou work found in many bake shop recipes. The beginning of the book is important to read, how she measures flour, salted vs unsalted butter etc, will make a difference in how her recipes turn out for the baker trying to duplicate her results. It is taking a really special book to get a space in my groaning overstuffed shelves anymore, but this one has earned a spot.

Well confess I collect cookbooks..now I read them after years of midnight cookie panics from one of my kids..5 dozen for tomorrow ordered at bedtime! I could easily be a cookbook critic and know pictures sure sell a lot of mediocre cookbooks. I paid an outrageous amount for Kathleen's Cookies...eye watering but worth it. My chocolate chip cookies are the same as hers...the Better Homes and Gardens book from 1965 is a gem. What I like about her books is the experience since age 11...I started young too. After time you can do them in your sleep...her recipes are melt in your mouth, not merely sweet. Many of these recipes came from the 50's and 60's when food was still food and flavor lit up eyes around the table. This last book had two recipes I wanted...Cherry Chip Cake and Pecan Shortbread..and they are spot on. The book has 7 chapters, 1 muffins, scones, shortcakes 2 tea loaves and quick breads. 3 pies, tarts, crisps 4 cookies. 5 party cakes , cupcakes. 6 health and lifestyle baked goods and 7 icings, frostings, and sauces. Pecan shortbread melts in your mouth with taste of roasted pecans...oooooo. Chocolate Key Lime Pie...the combination is addictive. Irish Soda Bread muffins...brilliant idea for St Patrick's day...no cutting required. Maraschino Cherry Chip Cake...some things are just required if you love those red kiddie drink things..Shirley Temple addicts. There is a recipe from a friend's Mom called Flour Icing that tastes like Marshmallow but no Fluff in sight. Maple Bacon Date scones...can smell them from upstairs and brings them running. Kathleen built a million dollar business because she loved to bake and learned from anyone who made something that tasted good. I read she sold the business last year with 200 employees and it has gone international.

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